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Rain, set and match – where has summer gone?

As the tennis at Wimbledon gets under way, the summer so far has been notable for heavy rain and serious flooding – causing disruption for many. The worst affected areas have already seen over twice the monthly average rainfall for June.

Any play at Wimbledon today is likely to be interrupted by yet more rainfall with even a risk of a thundery downpour. The Met Office is saying that today will be the wettest day of the week. During the rest of the week it will stay mainly dry but further showers may interrupt play at times.

Following the recent heavy rain and flooding, Environment Agency spokesman Stuart Brennan, said: "The Met Office is forecasting some respite from the heavy rain which will help people in the worst affected areas recover from flooding disruption".

Although there will be a respite from the heaviest rainfall for the remainder of the week, the Met Office is saying there are early signs of some further rainfall for next weekend.

Despite the heavy rainfall Met Office figures released tomorrow are expected to show that average June temperatures so far are above normal.

Flood warnings and advice on flooding in England and Wales are available from the Environment Agency, and for Scotland from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

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